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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Takashi OKUDA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1633

Serial No.: **09/901,572**

Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**

Filed: **July 11, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 4818

For: **MODIFIED DNA MOLECULE, RECOMBINANT CONTAINING THE  
MOLECULE, AND USE THEREOF**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 11, 2003

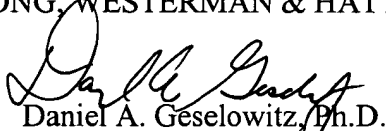
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2002 for three months from December 11, 2002 to March 11, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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